

RESOLUTION #13-18

Arlington Hills Community Center Parkland Diversion and Land Exchange

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission (“Commission”) is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and City-wide matters related to the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Section 13.01.1 of the City Charter requires that the Commission review any diversion or disposal of park property and present a recommendation to the Saint Paul City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul, Department of Parks and Recreation, owns City parkland, known as Arlington Hills Community Center (formerly known as Arlington Hills Recreation Center, and cited by Ramsey County as Arlington Park) between Payne Avenue and Greenbrier Street; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is requesting parkland diversion for right-of-way easement to construct a turn lane on Maryland Avenue, and supporting the transfer of a remnant of land from the former Kendall Ace Hardware, acquired for right-of-way purposes, for use as parkland for Arlington Hills Community Center; and

WHEREAS, said diversion would be granted as permanent easement to Ramsey County to use, operate and maintain for right-of-way on Maryland Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works, in conjunction with Ramsey County Public Works, purchased the Kendall Hardware property for right-of-way purposes, of which the north 15.1 feet, more or less, is required for construction of the turn lane, and the remainder deemed to be surplus land, and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul Departments of Parks and Recreation and Public Works have determined that the remnant of the Kendall Hardware property should be obtained by Parks and Recreation to become part of the Arlington Hills Community Center property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul Departments of Parks and Recreation and Public Works have determined that the park land proposed for diversion is of an adequate width and length for installation and maintenance of a turn lane, and to allow for temporary easement during construction; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Public Works warrants that it will restore any damaged facilities, including maintenance of any plantings impacted by construction, and provide maintenance until healthy and accepted by city staff; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation recommends Commission support for the request for proposed diversion of park land in exchange for the remnant of land from the former Kendall Hardware property; and,



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission concurs with the request to divert a portion of City parkland known as Arlington Hills Community Center for right-of-way purposes adjacent Maryland Avenue between Payne Avenue and Greenbrier Street to Ramsey County, and the concurrent acquisition of the Kendall Hardware parcel remnant from the City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works, and, in accordance with City Charter Section 13.01.1, recommends approval by the Saint Paul City Council.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on December 11, 2013:

Approved:	Yeas	_____
	Nays	_____
	Absent:	_____

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Attested to by:

Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission



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